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1. French sentiment regarding German rearmament--US Embassy Paris transmits the opinion of Secretary General Golin of the Popular Republican Party (MRP) that, once certain conditions have been met, the French Government could rally a substantial majority in the National Assembly to support a motion favoring the incorporation of German units in European defense forces. Colin feels the primary conditions necessary for approval of German rearmament by the French National Assembly are: (a) that West European defense forces be established on a unified basis; (b) that rearmament of West European nations be well under way; and (c) that implementation of the Schuman Plan be commenced. The Embassy comments that this report testifies to the "tremendous change" in the attitude of the Assembly since the summer of 1949, and expresses the opinion that the conditions of German rearmament mentioned by Colin genuinely reflect the present feeling of most Frenchmen.

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2. UNCI refers Ambon dispute to Security Council--The United Nations Commission for Indonesia (UNCI) has referred the Ambon dispute to the Security Council for consideration, and suggests that the SC call upon the Indonesian Government to utilize existing UN machinery for a peaceful solution of this problem. UNCI, in explaining its action, reports that it has been unable to obtain adequate cooperation from the Indonesian Government to work out a peaceful settlement of hostilities between the Indonesians and the rebel "South Moluccas Republic" on Ambon Island.

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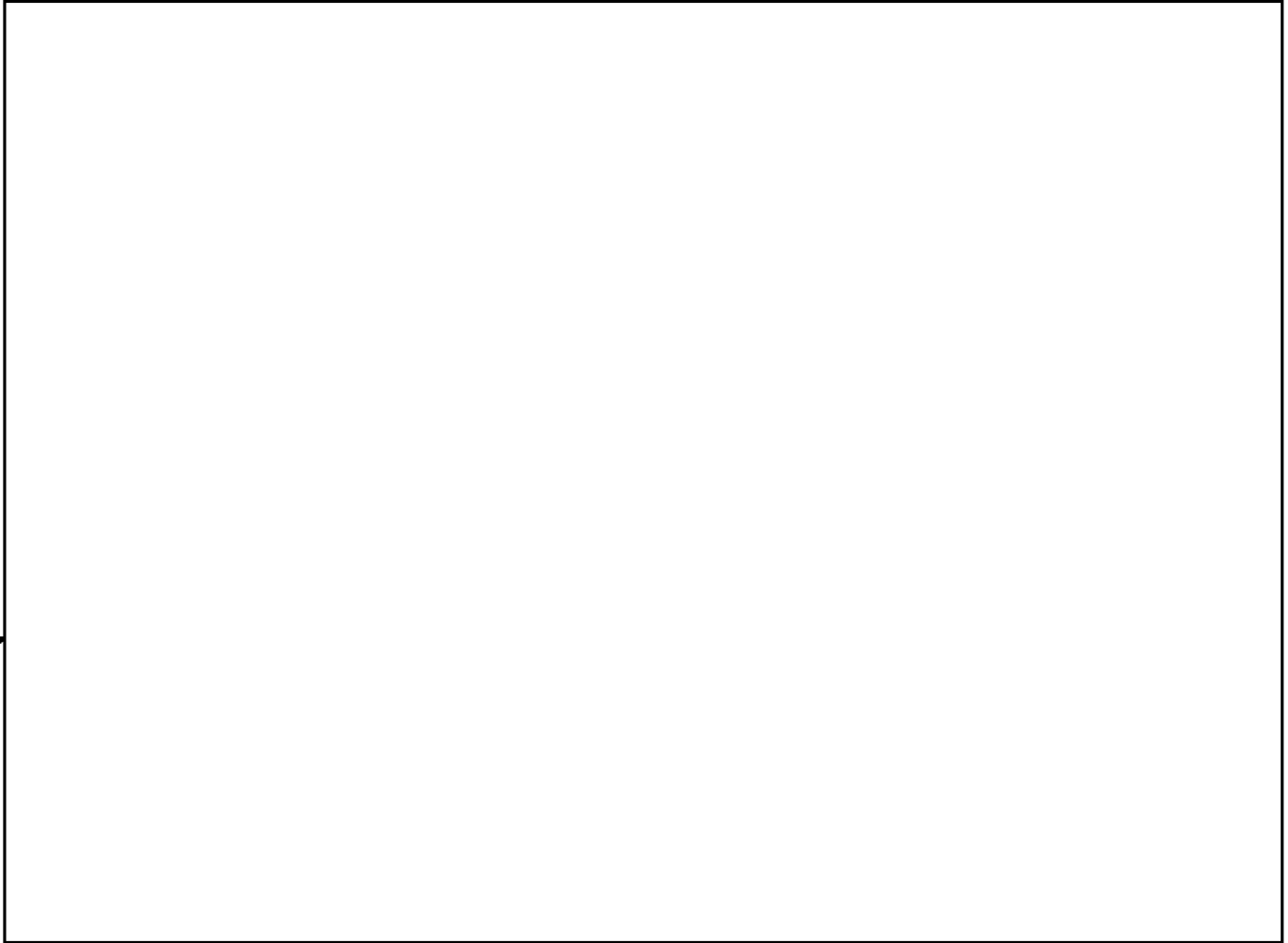
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4. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Soviet pressure increasing--US Ambassador Briggs in Prague has been informed [redacted] that in addition to a heavy Soviet hand in the affairs of the Czechoslovak Army, there has been a considerable increase in demands on and control of the Czechoslovak economy. [redacted] Czech Ministers were told

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at the recent economic meeting in Moscow that the rate of development of heavy industry was unsatisfactory and they were ordered to raise the number of men employed in heavy industries by 300,000 before the end of 1950.

[redacted] he USSR has emphasized that present capacity of Czech machinery must be more fully utilized, urging one or two additional shifts of workers.

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5. YUGOSLAVIA: US aid to be discussed with Tito--US Ambassador Allen in Belgrade suggests that his forthcoming talk with Tito be confined solely to the question of grant-in-aid for food. Allen believes that the linking of other US-Yugoslav problems with the food issue would be interpreted by Yugoslav officials to mean that the US is using the desperate food situation as a lever to force a major cutback in the Yugoslav industrialization program. Allen feels that such an interpretation might cancel the good effect of the US offer of aid and cause the "more reasonable" element of the Yugoslav Government to lose influence in Tito's Government.
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